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Three people, including a 17-year-old boy, died in accidents on B.C. lakes. Coverage in metroNEWS.

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RCMP preyed on 'vulnerabilities'

B.C. BOMB PLOT

Terror suspects' lawyer says his isolated clients were entrapped

The lead investigator of an RCMP sting wanted a pair of British Columbia terrorism suspects out of their home and away from the distractions of drugs and video games to keep them focused on their bomb plot, a court has heard.

Staff-Sgt. Vaz Kassam testified that removing John Nuttall and Amanda Korody from "their element" would give police a better assessment of their commitment to threatening public safety.

"A person that is committed to something … will carry (through) with the scenario," Kassam told B.C. Supreme Court on Monday. "However, if they're not motivated or they don't want to do something they'll say, 'Look, I'm out,' or make up excuses."

Last month, a jury found Nuttall and Korody guilty of planning to detonate homemade pressure-cooker explosives on the grounds of the B.C. legislature on Canada Day in 2013. The second stage of their trial began Monday, with defence lawyers arguing the RCMP entrapped the pair.

Korody's lawyer Mark Jette suggested to Kassam that police removed his client and her husband from the house because otherwise "they weren't motivated to do much of anything except play video games."

> **"They weren't motivated to do much of anything except play video games."** Mark Jette, lawyer

"It sounds to me like your assessment is that if they were at home they were unfocused and unmotivated and using drugs, but if you got them out of the house you might be able to motivate them to do something," Jette suggested.

"I disagree," Kassam replied. "I think it's more of a commitment level as to how serious they are."

Jette argued that the RCMP exploited Nuttall and Korody's vulnerabilities, including their drug addiction, poverty, social isolation and status as recent converts to Islam.

Nuttall and Korody were recovering heroin addicts living on welfare in a basement suite in Richmond when police first made contact with them.

"Weren't you concerned at all that due to the vulnerabilities of these people as you came to know them that police actions might unduly influence what they did?" Jette asked Kassam.

"I believed (they) posed a risk to public safety and we would be remiss, the police, if we didn't do anything," Kassam answered.

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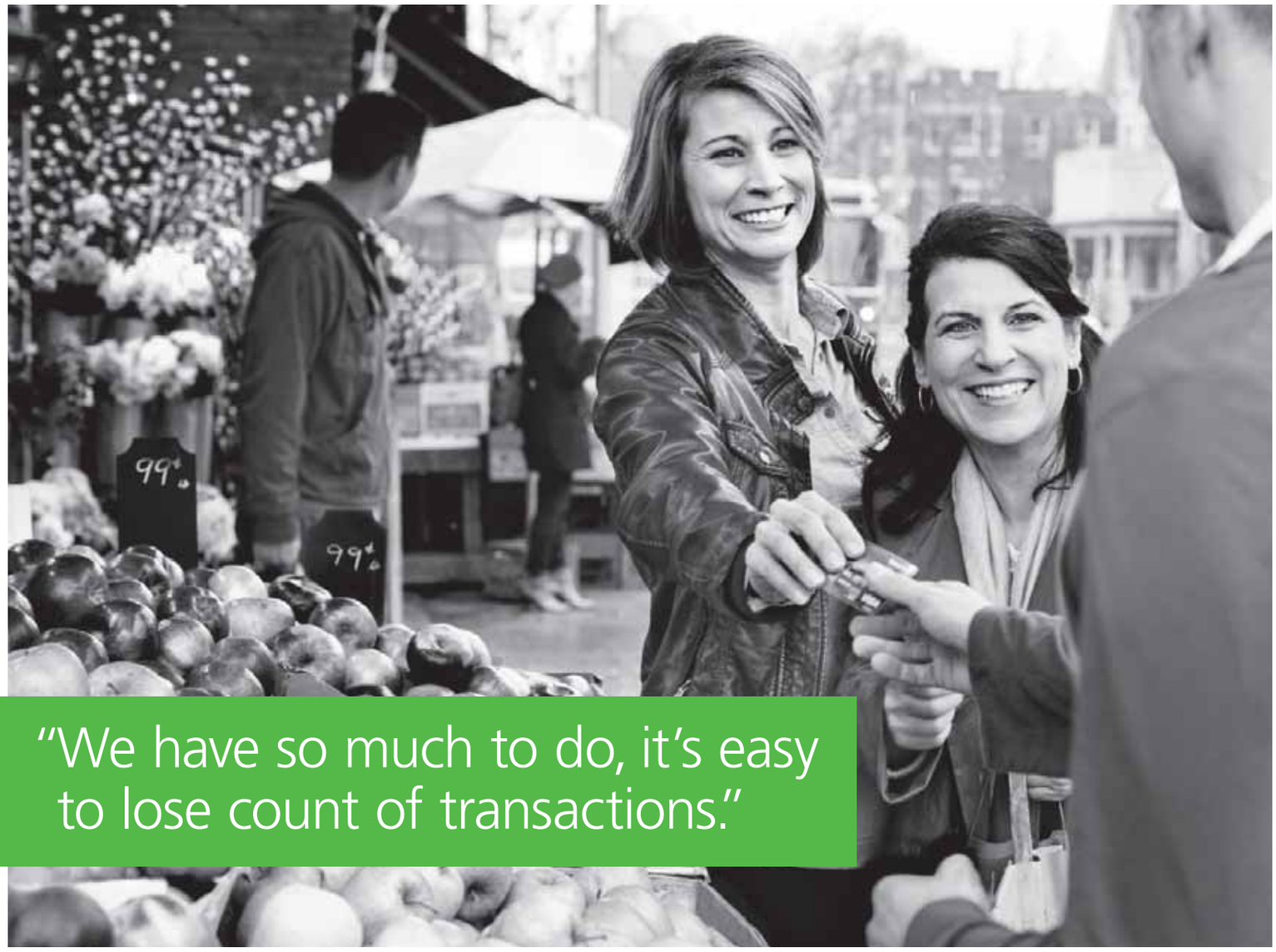

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City approves purr-mit for Vancouver's first cat café

BUSINESS

Catfé to open in October at International Village Mall

Thandi Fletcher
Metro | Vancouver

Vancouver's cat lovers finally have the a-meow-zing news they've been waiting for.

The city has approved a development permit for Vancouver's first cat café — or Catfé, if you will.

"It's pretty great," founder Michelle Furbacher told Metro. "I feel pretty great that I can bring this to Vancouver's cat lovers. I think it's going to make a lot of cat lovers happy."

Catfé, which is expected to open its doors in October inside the International Village Mall on Abbott Street, will allow feline fans to sip coffee and nibble on kitty-themed treats while stroking several cats who live inside the coffee shop.

Cat cafés are popular in Asia, but this will be the first of its kind in Vancouver.

The idea has been more than a year in the making for Furbacher, who launched an online campaign last April to raise $50,000 in start-up costs.

While the campaign raised only $32,125, Furbacher managed to secure the rest from private investors. She said finding the right home for the Catfé actually turned out to be the biggest hurdle she faced.

To comply with Vancouver Coastal Health's food-safety regulations, the shop needed to have two rooms separated by a window with two entrances. On one side, visitors will be able to order food and drinks, and they will have the option to visit the cats on the other side or view them through the window.

In a separate room, customers will also be able to adopt some of the cats provided by the Vancouver Orphan Kitten Rescue Association.

When Furbacher finally found the 1,900-square-foot space in the International Village Mall, she knew it was perfect. She then submitted an application for a development permit before setting off to CatCon LA, a convention for kitty lovers held in Los Angeles.

During her road trip, Furbacher met with owners of other cat cafés along the West Coast, who offered advice on how to run a cat-themed company.

"It was great," she said. "There are so many awesome cat lovers out there, and they're just sort of living their dream.

"Nobody regrets starting a cat café."

Vancouver entrepreneur Michelle Furbacher is opening the city's first cat café in October.
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EDUCATION

Ex-Canucks GM to teach class at UVic

Matt Kieltyka
Metro | Vancouver

Former Vancouver Canucks general manager and president Mike Gillis is taking his boardroom skills to the classroom.

The University of Victoria has confirmed that Gillis is signed up to teach a sports law course at UVic's faculty of law in the spring 2016 semester.

The former front-office executive, who has a law degree from Queen's University, will teach the course along with prominent Vancouver lawyer Peter Gall — who counts another former Canucks general manager, Brian Burke, among his clients.

The university's preliminary course information guide says the class will focus on "the operation of sports leagues and the legal and business relationships between leagues, teams, players, agents and unions."

Students will be given the option of writing a paper or participating in a mock salary arbitration.

The NHL's general manager of the year in 2011 — when the Canucks came within one win of the Stanley Cup — was fired by the organization on April 8, 2014 after a tumultuous season that saw the hiring of head coach John Tortorella backfire, fan favourite goaltender Roberto Luongo traded and the team miss the playoffs.

He had been the president and general manager of the team since April 2008.

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City warned about fires

DRY CONDITIONS

Fireworks, cigarette butts, and barbecues are high risk

Emily Jackson
Metro | Vancouver

Vancouver officials offered a stern warning on Monday to residents who haven't smartened up to help the region cope with depleting water supplies and dry conditions.

Reservoir levels weren't buoyed much by showers over the weekend, prompting Vancouver's fire chief, parks manager and engineering manager to hold a news conference asking people to comply with Metro Vancouver's Stage 2 water restrictions.

Fire Chief John McKearney said that 11 small fires started over the weekend due to people recklessly disposing cigarette butts.

Charcoal briquettes are banned from parks, but McKearney recommends not using them in backyards either due to the dry conditions.

There is also a fireworks ban, although this won't apply to the Celebration of Light since that launches from the water.

When it comes to lawns, the city has issued a dozen $250 tickets to residences and 850 warnings for improper watering in the past few weeks, engineering manager Jerry Dobrovolny said.

That exceeds the entire number of warnings received last year, he said.

Vancouver fire Chief John McKearney, engineering manager Jerry Dobrovolny and parks manager Malcolm Bromley outside of Vancouver City Hall on Monday. EMILY JACKSON/METRO

> **Our goal is not to be punitive but to have compliance.**
> Engineering manager Jerry Dobrovolny

"Our goal is not to be punitive but to have compliance," Dobrovolny said. (Homeowners with odd numbers can water Thursdays from 4 to 9 a.m. Even numbers get Mondays.)

The city's phones are still ringing off the hooks with residents tattling on apparently noncompliant neighbours, so people are encouraged to report problems using the VanConnect app.

Parks manager Malcolm Bromley said his department has shut down fountains that don't use re-circulated water and is installing seven to 10 push buttons so water features are only used when a person is there.

There are no plans to shut down the parks at this point, Bromley said.

IN BRIEF

Vancouver VFX capital with opening of Sony HQ

The formal opening of Sony Pictures Imageworks' 74,000 square-foot headquarters in Vancouver last week cemented the city as the visual effects capital of the world, according to the Vancouver Economic Commission.

For the Hollywood kingmaker to open the massive office with 700 digital artists in Vancouver is "a signal to the world" that this is the place to be for VFX. "It's really the validation by the industry leaders," VEC CEO Ian McKay said Monday. "We have the global giants all converging on Vancouver."

There are about 60 VFX studios in Vancouver, McKay said. Sony's move makes the city not just the North American leader, as it was dubbed by Hollywood's Variety magazine last year, but the world leader, he said.

"The volume and the scale and the pace of the studios setting up here, by any anecdotal or industry measure, puts us at the top." EMILY JACKSON/METRO

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HIGHWAY 1

Pileup sends one person to hospital

Thandi Fletcher
Metro | Vancouver

Police are investigating a six-vehicle pileup on Highway 1 that sent at least one person to hospital Monday morning.

The crash happened at about 8 a.m. when a traffic officer was called to Highway 1 at Herrling Island for a report of a broken down van on the left shoulder of the road, according to RCMP.

While the officer helped the driver and occupants of the van, a westbound vehicle, travelling in the fast lane braked suddenly to avoid colliding with the stopped police car, which at the time had all of its emergency lights flashing, according to police.

The sudden stop caused a second vehicle, also in the fast lane, to hit the first one, which then struck the police car from behind.

A third vehicle then hit the second vehicle.

Police said a commercial truck then swerved to avoid hitting the first four vehicles, flipping on its side, spilling lumber over the road, which caused a fifth vehicle to hit the truck or debris before coming to a stop.

A large van then flipped after the driver panicked in an effort to avoid the pileup, but managed not to hit the other vehicles, police said.

At least one occupant was taken to hospital with minor injuries, police said. Police are investigating whether location, weather conditions or speed may have been factors in the multi-vehicle collision.

CRIME

Man charged with online child luring

Matt Kieltyka
Metro | Vancouver

An Abbotsford man has been charged for allegedly luring a 12-year-old U.S. girl online.

Abbotsford police announced Monday that 22-year-old Robert Madison Koenig has been charged with child luring and exposing a child to sexually explicit material after an investigation dating back to December.

According to police, the parents of a 12-year-old girl in Utah, found pornographic images and online correspondence from a person claiming to be a 15-year-old boy from Vancouver.

Preliminary investigation soon determined that the alleged suspect was an adult male from Abbotsford.

Koenig was arrested July 9.

He has been released on court conditions, including not being allowed to use a computer to access pornography.

MORE INFO

The suspect is also not permitted to be in parks, playgrounds, recreation centres or places a person under the age of 16 may be expected to be present, according to Abbotsford police.

The Elaho River wildfire on July 10. CONTRIBUTED/BC WILDFIRE SERVICE

Crews move in on Pemberton blazes

WILDFIRES

Weather allows firefighters to get a handle on area fires

B.C. wildfire crews are finally able to move in on two Pemberton-area wildfires that have been raging unchecked since June.

Fire information officer Navi Saini told media on Monday that the 5,361-hectare Boulder Creek (discovered June 30) and 12,132-hectare Elaho River (discovered June 14) fires remained zero per cent contained as of that afternoon.

Steep terrain, tinder dry conditions and heavy smoke have made it impossible for crews to attack the aggressive fires and set up control lines until now.

But the recent change in weather — bringing with it cooler temperatures and scattered showers — has given fire fighters an opportunity to get a handle on them.

"Crews are moving closer to establish some control lines and better anchor points," said Saini, who added the smoke created by both fires has been the biggest factor in preventing crews from getting on the ground. "When we have smoky conditions, it's hard for our crews to get in and set up control lines."

> **When we have smoky conditions, it's hard for our crews to get in and set up control lines.**
> Navi Saini

Smoke from the two fires was the cause of air quality advisories in Metro Vancouver, the Fraser Valley, Sea-to-Sky Corridor and Whistler last week.

All of those advisories were lifted over the weekend, thanks to improved weather conditions.

Elsewhere in the province, Saini said, 13 new fires — most caused by lightening — were reported Monday, brining the total of active wildfires burning in B.C. to 221.

Since April 1, there have been 1,073 fires in total, burning 283,526 hectares and costing the province more than $108 million in response.

The long-term forecast offers hope of more showers which may help the BC Wildfire Service's efforts, Saini said.

Meanwhile, more help is on the way. Fifty specialists from Australia were expected in Vancouver on Monday, where they will then be deployed to fire centres to help in incident management roles. MATT KIELTYKA/METRO

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ENVIRONMENT

Critics call for better parkland protection

Matt Kieltyka
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British Columbia has the highest percentage of protected parkland in Canada, but advocates worry weak legislation keeps it open to development.

The Canadian Parks and Wilderness Society (CPAWS) released its latest report Monday, checking in on Canada's commitment to protect at least 17 per cent of its land and fresh water by 2020.

On a national level, CPAWS says Canada has protected 10.3 per cent of its land and fresh water to date.

British Columbia has the highest percentage of protected land in Canada (15.3 per cent), followed by Alberta (12.4) and Yukon (11.8).

CPAWS B.C. director of terrestrial campaigns Peter Wood said that, despite leading the way, the province has a boundary-adjustment policy that leaves parks "open to development."

"On paper, B.C. looks good," Wood said. "But there is not one park that is not susceptible to industrial development. Any proponent can make an application to open it up."

Proponents have included Kinder Morgan Canada, which has requested amendments to four park boundaries to enable the construction of the proposed Trans Mountain pipeline expansion project.

SURREY

Homeowner shot dead by invader

Emily Jackson
Metro | Vancouver

A Surrey man was killed while trying to stop a stranger from breaking into his home on Sunday night, according to investigators who described the homicide as "random in nature."

Colin Hill, 42, was shot after getting into an altercation with a man who allegedly tried to break into his home on the 16500 block of 64th Avenue just before midnight, according to the Integrated Homicide Investigation Team.

Emergency responders tended to the victim, but he was pronounced dead at the scene.

The suspect fled in a stolen vehicle. Two hours later, Burnaby RCMP officers were informed of a man with a gun trying to break into an apartment in the 7300 block of Macpherson Avenue. The descriptions of the man and vehicle matched the ones in the Surrey homicide.

Police arrested a 22-year-old Surrey man with an extensive criminal record at the scene. He is facing charges including second-degree murder, but his name will not be released until a Tuesday court appearance.

"While we are confident that we have quickly taken the person responsible for this horrible crime off the streets, I am still angry at the pointless loss of life," Surrey RCMP Chief Supt. Bill Fordy said in a release.

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A 22-year-old Alberta woman died Friday after she was hit by the propeller of a houseboat on Shuswap Lake. KYLE PEARCE/FLICKR

Three lose lives in province's lakes

FATALITIES

Boat accidents kill 2, injure 1; cause unknown in teen's death

A houseboat holiday in British Columbia has come to a horrifying end for an Alberta family.

Const. Pat Pyper said a 22-year-old woman died Friday while swimming in Shuswap Lake in the Southern Interior. The B.C. Coroners Service, which is investigating the incident, identified the woman as Andrea Mary Jacura of Edmonton.

Pyper said the woman was behind the houseboat in Cinnemousun Narrows, about 15 kilometres north of Sicamous, when the vessel reversed over her.

"She had at least one leg amputated and severe injuries to the rest of her body," Pyper said.

He confirmed she had been hit by the propeller and was pronounced dead at the scene.

Eleven people were aboard the houseboat at the time, including many of the victim's family members, he said.

The fatal boating accident was one of two in B.C. over the weekend.

A 39-year-old man was killed Saturday and a second man was seriously injured while boating on the waters of Sproat Lake on Vancouver Island. The B.C. Coroners Service said the vessel's engine cut out suddenly, and the boat appeared to lift in the air before crashing down into the lake.

The coroner identified the victim as Langford resident Michael David Douglas. His friend remains in hospital with serious injuries, the coroner said.

RCMP in Shawnigan Lake said they responded to reports of a 17-year-old boy in trouble on Sunday afternoon at a popular swimming spot south of Duncan on Vancouver Island.

The coroner identified the boy as Abdu-Jamal Ottun of London, England, who was visiting Shawnigan Lake as a member of a rugby team.

Ottun had been swimming in the lake with members of his team, who noticed he was missing. Sgt. Scott Stephen said a dive team later found his body in about 3.5 metres of water.

He was rushed to a waiting ambulance but could not be revived.

His cause of death won't be known until an autopsy is complete, the coroner said.

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ENERGY

Legislation 'final piece' of LNG puzzle

British Columbia's finance minister says he has introduced legislation that provides the blueprint for building and operating the province's first liquefied-natural-gas plant.

Mike de Jong said Monday the proposed $36-billion facility on B.C.'s north coast would be the largest private investment in the province's history.

He called the Liquefied Natural Gas Project Agreements Act a tool to grant investors certainty from targeted tax increases and environmental regulations.

Pacific NorthWest LNG, a joint venture backed by Malaysian state-owned energy giant Petronas, wants to construct a plant near Prince Rupert, though it has not yet made a final investment decision on the project.

De Jong said legislation is the final piece of the puzzle the government has been building for years to attract an LNG industry to B.C.

"This really is that final piece ... following what I hope and believe will be passage of this legislation."

De Jong said the law provides the company with a 25-year assurance specific to LNG-related income and ensures that energy and environmental taxes do not increase, while corporate and sales taxes could rise.

He said the guarantees against targeted tax increases are a trade-off in exchange for thousands of new jobs and billions of dollars in revenues that the LNG industry is expected to generate. THE CANADIAN PRESS

NEXT STEPS

De Jong said all that's left is a federal environmental certificate approving the project, adding Pacific NorthWest LNG is "anxious to begin."

When wedding guests act like the paparazzi

TRENDS

Photographers, couples ask for 'unplugged' ceremonies

Here comes the bride — and out come the smartphones.

Wedding guests are often keen to capture all the special moments during a couple's big day. But the flashing glare from cameras, phones and even tablets can prove disruptive during the ceremony — so much so that some couples are asking their guests to power off their devices.

Photographer Lainie Hanlon recalled asking a camera-toting guest who obstructed her view to take a seat — and she refused.

"She apparently takes photos on the side as a part-time hobby and I was a very bitter photographer after that because she basically ruined every single ceremony photo that I had," recalled Hanlon, owner of Lainie Hird Photography in Ingersoll, Ont.

Hanlon said gadget use during ceremonies has increased in recent years, with guests not only taking smartphone photos but videotaping the entire ceremony.

She broaches the subject of "unplugged" ceremonies as an option for clients tying the knot.

"I give them an example: If I'm standing at the altar with the groom and I'm looking down, all I see are cellphones, is that something that you're going to want to see in your photo? Ninety-five per cent of them now say: 'Yeah, you're right, this isn't something that we want.' ... You can't redo a ceremony."

A sign from an unplugged wedding photographed by Lainie Hird Photography.
HANDOUT/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Stephanie Fusco recalled attending a wedding where a woman was jostling for position with the photographer during key moments of the ceremony. She knew she didn't want to face a similar issue for her own recent nuptials. Both families and Fusco's close friends were aware of her concerns. She also expressed her wishes and reasons behind an unplugged ceremony in a post on her lifestyle and beauty blog, Leopard is a Neutral.

Guests wound up taking photos anyway during the ceremony held at a Toronto church. But rather than being upset, Fusco said she was "really grateful" for the additional images.

"I think what I was most concerned about ... was just being distracted by people and people having a bad experience because of people trying to get photos," said Fusco, 26, a social media professional.

"I think we've all been that guest at a wedding or at an event where you feel like you're watching the whole thing through somebody else's smartphone. And on the day of, I honestly didn't notice."

Tracey Manailescu, co-founder of The Wedding Planners Institute of Canada, said couples can inform guests that they've opted for an unplugged ceremony.

"Put a note on the program about it as well (stating): 'We would really like you to be in the moment with us and seeing our exchange of love. Please put the cameras away at this time and we promise a lot of photos together afterward,"' said Manailescu.

Ottawa-based officiants Keith and Lynne Langille have started encouraging couples to opt for unplugged ceremonies, which Keith said now account for about 90 per cent of their weddings.

Langille said he announces the plans to guests just before the event gets underway, but he does allow them to capture a few quick snaps. "We give them 20 seconds at the beginning of the ceremony to go nuts with their cameras, to act like the paparazzi.... And then they sit down, they relax and they enjoy what is an awesome ceremony."

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TORONTO

Uber hops on HOV lane

Uber seized on the near-empty high-occupancy vehicle (HOV) lanes to launch its car-pooling service in Toronto Monday, which will run until the end of the Pan Am Games.

Armed with a huge victory from the courts, where a judge denied the City of Toronto's request to shut down all of Uber's operations, Uber Canada is pushing ahead with UberPool, which already operates in five cities including New York and San Francisco.

It means UberX drivers, who use their own cars to drive passengers around, can now pick up two different ride requests heading on a similar route.

Company officials are promising savings of 20 to 50 per cent, depending on how long the ride is shared. The smartphone app will only match rides if there are significant savings to be had.

The San Francisco-based company is billing UberPool as a way to keep Toronto moving during the Games. Traffic in the city has been dense since HOV lanes closed off highway lanes to accredited vehicles and those carrying three or more people.

"We have been looking at Toronto as an option for UberPool for quite some time," said Uber Canada general manager Ian Black in a telephone interview.

"Timing it to the Pan Am Games, and supporting the city when it's so clogged up for the Pan Am Games — I think there is great potential for the city," he added.

The company plans to run UberPool during the Games as part of a trial, and will then assess the results afterward to see how UberPool could work in the future.

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IN BRIEF

What's next for Greece?
Greece's bailout deal isn't a deal — yet.

It becomes one only if Greece meets tough conditions, like quickly passing a slew of far-reaching economic reforms, cuts and privatizations.

After the Greek government dismayed creditors by repealing some economic measures and dragging its feet in negotiations, key lender states led by Germany took a hard line: reforms first. Money afterward. Whether the deal will then steer the Greek economy back to health and help it lower its debt remains uncertain.

"Doubts and concerns in our view outweigh optimism and euphoria," wrote Carsten Brzeski, chief economist at ING-DiBa in Frankfurt. Under the deal struck with creditors during an all-night meeting in Brussels, the Greek parliament must approve by Wednesday key reforms. They include VAT tax increases and pension cuts, and safeguarding the full independence of Greece's statistics service, which at the start of the crisis in 2009 was found to have woefully misstated the country's finances for years.

More reforms have to be passed by July 20, including a new civil code that should streamline legal proceedings and lower business costs. Will that help Greek banks reopen? That's the intent.

Greece's banks have been closed since the European Central Bank refused two weeks ago to allow them to draw more emergency credit. Once the legislation passes and Greece gets closer to financial rescue, the ECB may decide to permit more credit. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

An anti-austerity protester during a rally at the Greek Parliament in Athens, Monday. EMILIO MORENATTI/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Greece, eurozone in preliminary accord

ECONOMIC CRISIS

Nation avoids financial collapse and exit from euro

After gruelling, often angry negotiations that tested the limits of European unity, Greece on Monday won a preliminary deal that averts financial catastrophe but also guarantees years more of hardship and sacrifice for its people.

Prime Minister Alexis Tsipras flew home to sell the plan to skeptical lawmakers and political allies, some of whom accused him of putting Greece at the mercy of its foreign creditors.

To close the deal with its partners in the euro currency, Greece had to consent to a raft of austerity measures, including sales tax hikes and reforms to pensions and the labour market.

Enough of Greece's 18 eurozone partners were openly suspicious of its sincerity that they demanded, and got, Tsipras's commitment to accept close international oversight.

For the Greek leader and his radical left-wing government, which since election in January had vowed to stand up to the creditors, the payoff of the marathon negotiations in Brussels was clear: about 85 billion euros ($95.07 billion) in loans and financial support over three years, preserving Greek membership in the euro, and helping their country stave off financial collapse.

> **We managed to avoid the most extreme measures.**
> Alexis Tsipras

"We managed to avoid the most extreme measures," Tsipras said after the summit.

Tsipras said he successfully got creditors to drop a demand that Greek assets be transferred abroad as a form of collateral, and that the deal reached was less harsh than proposals from creditors his country's voters rejected a week ago.

But in many cases, ordinary Greeks now face tougher measures than those they voted down in a nationwide referendum.

Syriza's Left Platform, a group of traditionalists in Tsipras's own party, swiftly denounced the agreement he had reached with fellow eurozone leaders as the "worst deal possible." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

MIDDLE EAST

Israeli prime minister opens new Twitter account, in Farsi

Israel's prime minister opened a Twitter account in Farsi on Monday, seeking to reach out to the Iranian public as world powers were getting closer to a nuclear deal with the Islamic Republic.

Benjamin Netanyahu strongly opposes the emerging deal, and he used his inaugural tweet to criticize it and what he described as Iranian hypocrisy.

His first tweet included an image of Iranian President Hassan Rouhani and said Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei "has said Iran should fight the U.S. regardless of the agreement, while Rouhani leads demonstrations expressing hatred."

Netanyahu's office said the Farsi account will publish content similar to his English and Hebrew accounts to engage the Iranian people directly. Netanyahu has a popular following on Twitter and often tweets videos and photos with messages critical of the Iranian government and nuclear negotiations.

Meir Javedanfar, an Iranian-born Israeli analyst, said Netanyahu's aggressive rhetoric could backfire with his Iranian audience.

"I'm worried ... Netanyahu is going to cause more damage if he continues with the same messages," he said.

The account quickly gained more than 600 followers, with many users mocking him and saying there was a grammatical mistake. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

MEXICO

U.S. knew kingpin's plans

U.S. drug authorities knew Mexican drug kingpin Joaquin (El Chapo) Guzman and his associates had developed several escape plans starting almost immediately after his arrest last year, according to internal Drug Enforcement Administration documents.

The internal DEA documents reveal that drug agents first got information on escape plans in March 2014, about a month after Guzman was captured in the Mexican seaside resort town of Mazatlan. Various Guzman family members and drug-world associates were considering "potential operations to free Guzman," the documents show.

That Guzman began plotting to break out shortly after his arrest should have come as little surprise to Mexican authorities: the DEA had alerted them about the plans. Mexican federal government officials did not immediately respond to requests for comment about the earlier escape schemes.

Since the 1990s his violent and powerful cartel has been known for digging sophisticated smuggling tunnels under the U.S. border with Mexico. Guzman was first arrested in 1993 but escaped from one of Mexico's top-security prisons, in Jalisco, in January 2001, allegedly by hiding in a laundry basket. He evaded capture in early February 2014 through an elaborate network of tunnels that connected multiple safe houses in Culiacan, in his home state of Sinaloa, and was arrested again a month later.

"There's some irony that the master of tunnels does it through a tunnel," said Jim Dinkins, the former head of Immigration and Customs Enforcement's Homeland Security Investigations Unit. "It's really ingenious."

Dinkins said the sophisticated tunnel described by Mexican authorities would usually take about a year and half to two years to complete, suggesting it was started almost immediately after Guzman's arrest.

"What probably worked well for them was all the construction around the facility," Dinkins said. "It's the removal of dirt and debris that can cause attention." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

> **There's some irony that the master of tunnels does it through a tunnel.**
> Former Homeland Security executive Jim Dinkins

Free delivery war heats up

ONLINE SHOPPING

Walmart lowers no-cost shipping mark ahead of Amazon sale

The online price fight — as well as the bickering — is picking up between Walmart and Amazon.com, and it's not even the holiday shopping season.

About a week after online king Amazon.com announced a sales bonanza for Prime members set for Wednesday that it touts as bigger than Black Friday, Wal-Mart Stores Inc. made a counter attack: it has lowered the threshold on free shipping for online purchases to $35 from $50 for at least 30 days and on Wednesday, it will offer discounts on thousands of items online.

Amazon's highly promoted sale, which it calls "Prime Day," is to commemorate its 20th anniversary this week and the sale is aimed at its Prime members, who pay a $99 annual fee for free shipping.

"We've heard some retailers are charging $100 to get access to a sale," Fernando Madeira, president and CEO of Walmart.com, wrote in a blog post. "But the idea of asking customers to pay extra in order to save money just doesn't add up for us."

Amazon.com took the opportunity to fight back.

"We've heard some retailers are charging higher prices for items in their physical stores than they do for the same items online," said Greg Greeley, vice-president of Amazon Prime in a statement released a few hours after Wal-Mart's blog post. "The idea of charging your in-store customers more than your online customers doesn't add up for us, but it's a good reminder that you're usually better off shopping online."

> **We've heard some retailers are charging $100 to get access to a sale.**
> Fernando Madeira, Walmart CEO and president

Wal-Mart Stores Inc. said on Monday that the company is lowering its free shipping minimum order to $35 from $50 until further notice. On Wednesday, the company will also be offering discounts on thousands of items. DAMIAN DOVARGANES/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE

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> Greg Greeley, vice-president of Amazon Prime

He pointed out that non-members can still partake in the deals by signing up for a 30-day free trial of Prime.

The moves show how Amazon is hoping to drive more customers to its Prime membership ahead of the key shopping periods, back-to-school shopping season and the crucial holiday shopping period.

Ravi Jariwala, a Wal-Mart spokesman, noted, "If you've shopped at Walmart.com, you'll know that every day is a special day where everyone has access to the same low prices we offer."

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IN BRIEF

Microsoft set to launch Windows 10 system

Microsoft Corp. announced it will launch the Windows 10 operating system on July 29. The new system will let users switch seamlessly between PCs, tablets and smartphones, and is intended to give apps a similar feel on all devices. It also comes with a new Web browser integrated with Cortana, the company's answer to Apple's Siri.

Microsoft says Windows 10 will be available as a free upgrade for a limited time for anyone whose devices use Windows 8/8.1 or 7.

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CHINA

Police crack down on unlicensed firms after stock market plunge

Authorities accused securities firms of manipulating stock prices during China's market plunge and launched a crackdown Monday against unlicensed companies that financed speculative trading.

The moves appeared to be aimed at deflecting blame from the ruling Communist Party for trillions of dollars in investor losses as China's market benchmark plummeted 30 per cent over the past month.

They came as drastic official efforts over the past two weeks, including a ban on sales by executives and big shareholders, appeared to at least temporarily stop the decline that wiped out $3.8 trillion in investor wealth.

Investigators have found "evidence to suspect individual trading companies are illegally manipulating securities and futures exchanges," the police ministry said late Sunday.

On Monday, the benchmark Shanghai Composite Index closed up 2.4 per cent for its third straight daily gain but still was 23 per cent below its June 12 peak. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

> **It remains to be seen how the market holds up.**
> Carl B. Weinberg, High Frequency Economics

ECONOMY

Slowdown could hamper 2015 outlook for railways: Analyst

Canada's sluggish economy and lower volumes of coal, grain and energy products could undermine the lofty 2015 earnings goals for the country's two largest railways, say industry analysts.

Canadian National and Canadian Pacific are expected to temper their earnings outlook when they report results next week.

Calgary-based CP had anticipated at least 25 per cent earnings per share growth for the year, while Montreal's CN had suggested nearly 10 per cent growth.

But lower freight volumes in recent months prompted several analysts to trim their earnings forecasts for the second quarter.

CN's volumes were down 7.3 per cent in the second quarter, led by double-digit decreases for coal and grain. CP volumes decreased 5.8 per cent.

Although WTI oil prices surged about 25 per cent in the quarter, the railways are being hurt by a delayed recovery in crude volumes as heavy oil producers were forced to shut down production for about two weeks due to wildfires in northern Alberta.

Benoit Poirier of Desjardins Capital Markets says the outlook for crude-by-rail remains uncertain for both railways even though the Canadian Association of Petroleum Producers expects shipments will rise eight per cent this year to 200,000 barrels per day. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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metro VIEWS
Your essential daily news
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1 Clear as day The sun's radiation messes with the DNA in our cells, causing them to divide abnormally. More cancers are found on parts of the skin that catch the most rays, and cases increase the closer you get to the equator. However, the darker skin and conservative clothing style in many sunny countries is protective. Australia, home of fair-skinned beach bums, has the highest incidence of skin cancer on Earth.

2 Toxic information Although some studies have linked common sunscreen ingredients such as oxybenzone to potential health problems, these have been small and animal-based, and the substance was often injected or inhaled at a high dose. Though online sources use alarming language about sunscreen's "chemicals," contrary to popular belief, the number of letters in a substance's name bears no relationship to its toxicity.

3 The deal with D Many people fear sunscreen deprives them of Vitamin D. But it only takes a few minutes of summer sun to get what you need. In the Canadian winter, we need to get our D from our diets.

THE BIG THING: SUN SAFETY

We all know the dangers of soaking up too much sun. But concerns about chemicals and preferences for 'natural' products have clouded many people's views on the safety and efficacy of sunscreen. It almost seems simpler to just stay inside. Thankfully, science can shine a light on how to keep your family sun safe. METRO

Sales tax was a simpler transit funding solution

YOUR RIDE
Karen Quinn Fung

Heading into the third week of life in the post-plebiscite universe, we're starting to get a better idea of precisely what the consequences of the "No" vote are — and what lengths our local leaders are now having to consider to serve their residents.

Earlier last week, Coquitlam's mayor Richard Stewart served up a forecast from his corner of the region: When the Evergreen Line is ready, there will be no increases to bus service for people who want to take advantage of the new connection. This means that his municipality will need to address people's desire to access rapid transit by car, by building park-and-rides at the stations — at a cost of potentially (to quote Stewart) $40 million, a much greater sum than what that sales tax increase we just voted on would have cost the residents of Coquitlam.

Park-and-rides help commuters by removing the cost of parking and gas to get to their destination. But those savings don't come cheaply. According to background materials from a TransLink policy review in 2012, a park-and-ride structure can cost up to $15,000 per space to construct and $800 per space per year to maintain.

As commuters will hold onto their cars to make that first part of the trip, surrounding neighbourhoods won't get to fully realize the various public space, health, social cohesion and urban design benefits that come when people are walking regularly to and from bus stops, or stations next to services and retail.

Some were hoping the Evergreen Line would mean they could say goodbye permanently to monthly insurance, parking or gas payments. But unless you've snagged a place within walking or cycling distance of a station, that may not be in the cards for you any longer.

The fact that people answered the question they wanted asked, not the one that was actually asked, has amounted to little more than wishing we didn't have problems at all.

And for the other municipalities in the region? Vancouver is considering a strategy called land value capture to make rapid transit on Broadway happen. That means directing a portion of anticipated gains in land value (as a result of new transit investment) to the cost of construction through taxes, charges or other mechanisms. Surrey, meanwhile, is not ruling out anything, including public-private partnership, to fulfill its LRT aspirations.

If the regional sales tax in the plebiscite sounded confusing or intimidating, this bewildering potpourri of funding options probably sounds no better.

The fact that people answered the question they wanted asked, and not the one that was actually asked, has amounted to little more than wishing we didn't have problems that need dealing with at all.

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ROSEMARY WESTWOOD

metroview

What I learned about love at a communist wedding

You wouldn't know it was a communist wedding just by looking at it.

There was iced tea, along with plastic sunglasses and paper fans, to ward off the sun and heat. There were chairs tied with bows and centrepieces on banquet tables. A band poured a mix of Latin tunes and jazz standards over the crowd. Men wore suits and collared shirts. Women stood in platform heels and strapless dresses.

A mix of ages and races. A relaxed atmosphere, yes. Revolutionary? Not so much.

But then came the clues.

First, the officiant welcomed friends, family and comrades.

Then, he moved swiftly into a spiel on the sexist history of marriage, before promising the couple that, nevertheless, they could create a unique, equal union.

Weddings are built of stories. How a couple met, fell in love, what each of them is like. What their future holds, what their love means to each other and to the group.

And in a communist wedding, what their loves means to the revolutionary struggle.

"The ruling class of Los Angeles should be shaking in their boots," the officiant quipped. The crowd laughed. He was a very funny communist.

He quoted Karl Marx, Che Guevara, and even Jesus (the revolutionary).

The way some priests talk of God, this orator expounded on the dream of a communist future.

During her vows, the bride talked of how love blossomed when the couple went to Ferguson to protest after the non-indictment of Darren Wilson for Michael Brown's death and were arrested. The groom had himself locked up so he could be with her; he found a way to hold her hand in jail.

At a communist wedding, there are frequent references to protests, arrests and the police. Also: frequent praise for elders, now in their 60s.

I had believed communism was mostly ideological history, laid to rest after the Cold War. What could anyone find in it in now? I wondered.

The wedding had the answer. The guests behaved like a village, bound so tightly that it was hard to tell who was related by blood. They shared a bond of more than love. It's a common path.

For a Catholic at an atheist communist wedding, it felt oddly familiar to see love bound up in a belief about a life worth living. (Imagine the depth of the ceremony, say, if a nun married a priest.)

I had to hand it to the happy couple. Who gets married these days not just to change their own lives, but the world?

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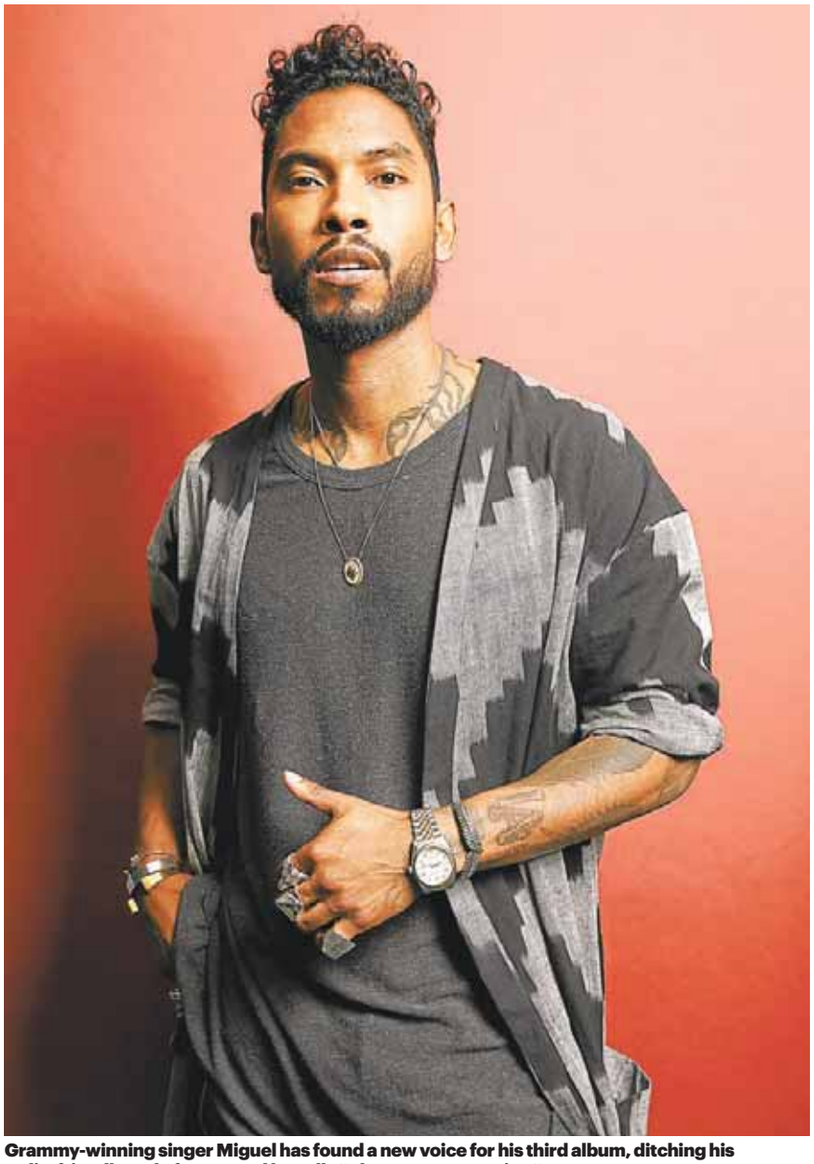


Grammy-winning singer Miguel has found a new voice for his third album, ditching his radio-friendly style for a sound he calls "a lot more aggressive." DAN HALLMAN/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

New start with a Wildheart

CHANGING SOUND

R&B singer Miguel explores racial identity in new album

"Too proper for the black kids, too black for the Mexicans," Miguel sings on the song What's Normal Anyway.

The R&B star, who is black and Mexican, explores his racial identity and more on the track, which he calls "the spine" of his new album, Wildheart.

"It was a challenge for people to understand. It was always a question of, 'What are you? Where do you come from?'" the 29-year-old Los Angeleno said. "And I guess it kind of rubs off on you ... and you wonder, 'Who do I identify with more?' The opening line is kind of like the beginning — it was part of my personal journey."

The song features the refrain "I never feel like I belong," and the sound marks a departure for the singer, whose No. 1 R&B hits include Sure Thing, Lotus Flower Bomb and the Grammy-winning Adorn, which helped Miguel cross over to pop.

He says race is an issue America needs to tackle quickly, especially in the wake of Donald Trump's comments about some Mexican immigrants being rapists, criminals and drug dealers. Trump's statements led numerous businesses to cut ties with him, including Macy's, and cost the Miss USA pageant, which Trump partially owns, its telecasts on NBC and Univision.

"Hopefully we're ready as a culture to face it head-on and not put a Band-Aid on it in some ways and pacify it in some ways. It's a real pivotal time and there's a way to hopefully start affecting the way we are programmed to look at each other because it really does come down to the way people are portrayed in the media that carries on into our perceptions in real life," Miguel said.

> **"It's disgusting, it really is disgusting.**
> Miguel on Donald Trump's racist comments about Mexican immigrants

"It's disgusting, it really is disgusting," he added of Trump's comments

Wildheart, which debuted at No. 2 on Billboard's 200 albums and R&B/Hip-Hop albums charts last week, ditches his radio-ready sound for a more artistic approach. He calls the album "a lot more aggressive."

"It has so much to do with the energy and pace and perspective I have on the world now. I think being a little more sturdy as a human being, I guess I'm more sure of myself, and I think that confidence affords or informs a certain decisiveness," he said.

Miguel says he didn't want to completely alienate his radio fans with his changing sound, so he released the groovy Coffee as the album's first single.

"It was kind of the perfect wedge to crack open the door as we move forward," he said. "I'd be lying if I said I didn't want my songs to go No. 1 pop. I think any artist who pretends they don't want that is in denial.... I want to reach more people, but I want to do it my way."

The album also features collaborations with Lenny Kravitz and Kurupt, and the song Leaves samples the Smashing Pumpkins' 1979.

"We're all standing on the shoulders of giants. There's nothing that hasn't been done.... There's going to be moments where you do things that are reminiscent of other things. And even if you're not aware of them, I think it's just best out of respect to reach out," he says. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

FUTURE PLANS

New work on the horizon

Miguel will launch a North American tour later this month. He has written songs for Beyoncé, John Legend and Usher, and he says he wants to continue to collaborate in that way. "I have a goal of writing a hit song for at least one artist a year now," he said.

INTERVIEW

Jake Miller just wants to have fun

Jake Miller is known as the sensitive rapper. This is, after all, a guy whose first song that garnered major radio play (A Million Lives) is constructed of lyrics lifted straight from his fan mail, about how his music comforted a fan with cancer and helped another deal with her brother's death.

But the 22-year-old, whose new EP Rumours came out earlier this month, has recently switched gears putting out a new single, Dazed and Confused, which is essentially just an old-fashioned summer party song. "I've always been about putting out music with a message behind it, but I also want to make people dance," Miller tells us.

On his song Drunk in Love

The song is about a guy who is either in love or, well, just really drunk. "How do you know if you're in love? That's a great question," Miller says. "I think if you look at the person you're with and you see someone you can spend the rest of your life, you're best friends with and want to spend every second with, then you're probably in love."

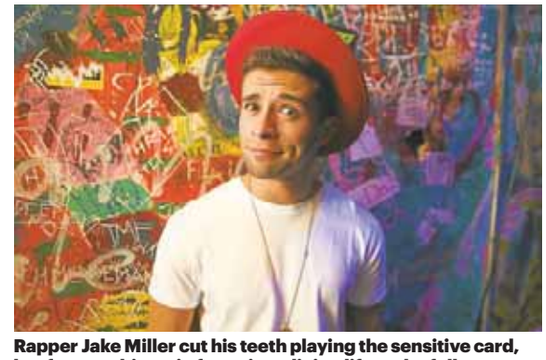
On bonding on the road

Miller has spent roughly six years in the spotlight and says his best friends are people he works with, like his drummer, tour manager, DJ and videographers. "I feel like I've known them longer than my childhood friends because we travel every single day together (on tour)," he says.

On going back to basics

While Miller is all for focusing on fun right now, he has every intention of going back to getting deeper when the tour is over and he heads back in the studio. "You always have to grow as an artist and nothing has stopped with the whole story-telling stuff that I used to do," he says. "I'm going to write about whatever I'm experiencing at that time in my life. My music is always going to be about me."

EMILY LAURENCE/METRO IN NEW YORK CITY



Rapper Jake Miller cut his teeth playing the sensitive card, but for now, his main focus is on living life to the fullest as a 22-year-old. CHRISTOPHER POLK /GETTY IMAGES FOR MTV

The Force is still strong

Daisy Ridley as Rey, left, and John Boyega as Finn in Star Wars: The Force Awakens. The movie releases on Dec. 18. FILM FRAME/DISNEY/LUCASFILM/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

COMIC-CON

Harrison Ford, J.J. Abrams talk revisiting galaxy far, far away

The cast and filmmakers of Star Wars: The Force Awakens debuted a new behind-the-scenes reel and teased some new information at Comic-Con about the highly secretive film to a rapturous audience.

Filmmaker J.J. Abrams and Lucasfilm president Kathleen Kennedy were joined on stage Friday by Star Wars veterans and Force Awakens stars Harrison Ford, Mark Hamill and Carrie Fisher.

Ford, making his first public appearance since his plane crash in March left him hospitalized and injured, assured the audience and host Chris Hardwick that he was fine. The already excitable crowd exploded when Ford, the last to be introduced, walked out.

Seated next to Hamill, the gruff Ford was not hesitant to talk about his reluctance to revisit the world of Star Wars and the character of Han Solo.

"It should have felt ridiculous, it was 30 years ago," Ford said. "I sort of grew up."

He never thought that he'd do another film after the original trilogy.

"I was very gratified when I read the script because I read something that I thought was really remarkable, really well-written and with some very intriguing developments," Ford said. "I was delighted to be involved and I was very happy to be part of the story and the cast again."

The Force Awakens, which hits theatres on Dec. 18, picks up about 30 years after the events of Return of the Jedi.

Before fans were treated to the Star Wars veterans, they were introduced to the newcomers on the light side of the Force and, for the first time, those on the dark side.

Adam Driver, Gwendoline Christie and Domhnall Gleeson were on hand representing the bad guys. As the mysterious three-pronged lightsaber-wielding Kylo Ren, Driver tried to skirt any questions about his character.

When pressed, he talked vaguely about the philosophy of evil.

"We didn't really have a lot of conversations about bad or evil when we were shooting it," said Driver. "It was more the difference between being bad and being right."

Gleeson, whose character's name was revealed to be General Hux, didn't hesitate to say that he was evil. While talking about getting the role, Gleeson accidentally "spoiled" the name of his command station, much to the dismay of Abrams.

It's Starkiller Base.

Christie, who plays the chrome stormtrooper Captain Phasma, talked about how neat it was to be playing a character in full costume who is "not about the way she looks in the flesh."

Representing the light side of the force were Daisy Ridley, John Boyega and Oscar Isaac, who had spoken previously about their roles at the annual Star Wars Celebration event in Anaheim, Calif.

Though not much else was gleaned about Ridley's scavenger Rey, Boyega's stormtrooper Finn or Isaac's X-Wing pilot Poe Dameron, all offered anecdotes about their time on set.

To prepare for his role, Isaac asked Ford for some advice about piloting in Star Wars.

Ford just said, "It's fake."

There was no new footage to be seen. Abrams is currently editing the film and has a cut, but wants to keep tweaking to make it the film "it wants to be." He also said another trailer will come out in the fall.

But Abrams did debut a behind-the-scenes reel that was made available online shortly after the panel concluded.

In addition to interviews with Hamill, Ridley and others, it focused on the practical effects used in the film — a recurring theme in all of Abrams' comments about the film, which hopes to recreate the esthetic of the original trilogy.

"Everything's changed, but nothing's changed," said Hamill in the clip.

"That's the way you want it to be."

Not to be outdone, Abrams and Kennedy announced that there was one more surprise: An imminent Star Wars concert at an adjacent stage.

All 6,500 Hall H attendees were invited.

And their escorts?

Stormtroopers, of course.

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Director J.J. Abrams and more than 6,000 fans saw a surprise Star Wars Fan Concert performed by the San Diego Symphony, featuring the classic music of composer John Williams. MICHAEL BUCKNER/GETTY IMAGES FOR DISNEY

+ TARANTINO'S HABERDASHERY

Cast of new Tarantino film talk S. Carolina Confederate flag controversy

Quentin Tarantino's latest film, The Hateful Eight, takes place a few years after the end of the Civil War — and cast members had the Confederate flag on their minds.

Comic-Con audiences were introduced to the film's motley crew of eccentrics Saturday in classic Tarantino fashion, with edgy banter and memorable nicknames, like The Hangman, The Confederate and The Mexican. Set in a Wyoming haberdashery, this explosive group of bounty hunters, lawmen, outlaws and veterans — played by the likes of Kurt Russell, Tim Roth and Walton Goggins — take shelter from a blizzard and try (poorly) to keep the peace.

Roth and Goggins found the film incredibly timely, even before South Carolina removed the Confederate flag from its state house on Friday.

"Ferguson had just happened when we were rehearsing ... It seems very pertinent, oddly enough," Roth said. "And even more so now with what's happening in Charleston." The British actor said that while he's "not a big flag person," he was "very glad to see that thing come down."

A scene from The Hateful Eight. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Goggins spent the last few months in South Carolina. "To be there, and to have witnessed the pain of that city coming off doing this movie, is extraordinary," he said.

"And if there's any person to bring this topic (of race and justice) back to the young people in this country, Tarantino is the one to do it."

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Why flying may get way more fun

AIRLINES

Wi-Fi could be the death of in-flight entertainment

SOUND CHECK

Alan Cross

My first exposure to in-flight entertainment (IFE) came in 1976 on an Air Canada L-1011 flying from Bridgetown to Toronto.

An old-school projector was brought down from the ceiling, loaded up with reels that were dimly projected on a big screen at the front of the cabin. We listened through air tube earbuds that worked like stethoscopes.

Decades later, I had a job supplying music programming to Air Canada every month. That gig ended in the early 2000s after 9/11 and when the airline signed a deal with XM Radio and moved away from hosted programs. As bummed out as I was, I'm still fascinated with IFE.

Outside of the new hardware on their 787s, Air Canada really hasn't ungraded their offerings much in years. The airline's IFE is very much middle-of-the-pack. (Singapore Airlines' KrysWorld is my favourite, although I've heard amazing things about both Emirates and Etihad.) Air Canada does something slightly different with their Rouge brand. In effort to save weight, the 30-plus Rouge aircrafts don't have seat-back IFE systems. Instead, you use your device to log into a closed Wi-Fi system that offers a (very limited) choice of viewing and listening. Other airlines offer something similar.

This is where it gets interesting. In-flight Wi-Fi could actually be the death of traditional IFE.

Equipping a seat with a good IFE system can cost as much as $15,000, and nearly $8 million per aircraft. The weight of this gear also adds to fuel burn. Why go to that expense when you can get passengers to use their own devices?

"Bandwidth might soon allow for access to a service like Netflix."

With satellite Wi-Fi becoming much more robust, it's possible to stream Internet content faster than ever. Ground-based servers can store much, much more programming than any on-board system; it's even possible that bandwidth might soon allow for access to a service like Netflix.

Airlines can charge for access. No iPad? No problem. Rent one!

More than 60 airlines now offer some kind of Wi-Fi, and studies show that the availability of connectivity is influencing which airlines and which aircraft passengers choose.

Change is coming to that seat back in front of you. Can Oculus Rift rentals be far behind?

MUSIC NOTES

Spotify analyzes 20 billion songs to map out music

Ever wonder how the musical taste in the U.S. Midwest compares to the Northeast? Or what's popular in Africa? Now you can check this out and more with Spotify's new interactive musical map feature, launched yesterday.

The cool thing about the map is that you can check out the music preferences for people all over the world and then listen to a playlist of trending songs in that city. If you click on Sydney, Australia, for example, you can listen to a mix of the most listened-to songs in that city right now.

Spotify's music researchers learned quite a bit while putting together this map and analyzing more than 20 billion songs. For example, hip-hop is popular all over the world — the genre showed up on playlists more than all other genres, regardless of geography or language.

Another thing they discovered is that listeners love discovering local artists, regardless of where they live. METRO U.S.

APPLE MAKES MUSIC VIDEO WITH M.I.A. Apple is reportedly creating its own music videos for top artists on its recently launched streaming service. M.I.A.'s Matahdatah Scroll 01 Broader Than a Border video launched Monday, following a tweet from the official Apple Music account teasing the release of the two-song set and accompanying short film. INSTAGRAM @MIAMATANGI

SPUN OUT

Despite voyeurism charges, show will go on

Spun Out is set to return to CTV this week despite the scandal involving actor J.P. Manoux.

In January, the network said it was "shocked" to learn that Toronto police had charged Manoux with voyeurism, after two women alleged they discovered hidden cameras in a condo they were renting from the 46-year-old actor.

Manoux's lawyer, Adam Weisberg, said the actor plans to plead not guilty.

CTV had suspended all future broadcast plans for the comedy, which is about a public-relations office.

But the network announced Monday that the show will return with its second-season premiere on Tuesday night.

The episode will feature comedian Russell Peters guest-starring as a DJ, along with a subplot featuring Manoux's character taking part in a group poker night.

Produced by Project 10 Productions in association with CTV, the show had reportedly wrapped most shooting for season 2 by the time allegations surfaced.

Manoux, who has recently returned to Twitter, is a California native with acting credits on Community, Modern Family and Hot in Cleveland.

Actor J.P. Manoux, right, as Bryce McBradden in CTV's Spun Out, faces charges after two women renting a condo from him say they found a hidden camera on the premises. BELL MEDIA

"Several months ago, CTV put the broadcast of Spun Out season 2 on hold to provide time to assess the ongoing legal proceeding with actor J.P. Manoux," said Scott Henderson, vice-president of communications with Bell Media, in a statement provided to The Canadian Press.

"Since that time, while we continue to respect the process, no further information has come to our attention. As a result and with careful consideration, we have decided to move forward with the broadcast of season 2 this summer in support of the entire cast and crew, and fans of the show.

"Mr. Manoux is part of a large ensemble cast, is not the focus of the series, and has not been proven guilty of any crime at this time. The cast and crew worked tirelessly on Spun Out, and it deserves to be seen as the judicial process makes its way through the courts."

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GONE BROKE

50 Cent files for bankruptcy, owes millions in consumer debt

Newest chapter in 50 Cent's career: Chapter 11 bankruptcy. GETTY IMAGES

50 Cent filed for federal bankruptcy protection Monday, days after a jury ordered him to pay $5 million in an invasion-of-privacy lawsuit.

The rapper-actor, whose real name is Curtis Jackson III, filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy protection in U.S. District Court in Hartford, Conn. He owns a 50,000-square-foot mansion in nearby Farmington.

The filing lists both the assets and liabilities for the Get Rich or Die Tryin' artist as between $10 million and $50 million, and indicates his debts are primarily consumer- and not business-related.

The filing comes after a New York jury on Friday ordered Jackson to pay $5 million to a woman who said he acquired a video she made with her boyfriend, added himself as a crude commentator and posted it online without her permission.

The jury this week was scheduled to deliberate on possible further, punitive damages in Lastonia Leviston's invasion-of-privacy lawsuit against Jackson. But the filing may put the trial on hold. Jackson did not appear as scheduled Monday to testify about his finances because of the bankruptcy filing, his lawyer said.

"Mr. Jackson's business interests will continue unaffected in the ordinary course during the pendency of the Chapter 11 case," attorney William A. Brewer III said in a statement. "This filing for personal bankruptcy protection permits Mr. Jackson to continue his involvement with various business interests and continue his work as an entertainer."

The lawsuit stems from a 13-minute video that appeared online in 2009, featuring a wig-wearing 50 Cent as a narrator dubbed Pimpin' Curly. He makes explicit remarks about the images and taunts rap rival Rick Ross, who isn't in the video but had previously had a daughter with Leviston. At the time the video surfaced, Ross and 50 Cent were trading barbs via video, lyrics and interviews.

Jackson got the tape from the man in it, Leviston's boyfriend at the time. The rapper said that he didn't actually post the video but that Leviston's then-boyfriend said she wouldn't mind if he did.

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CULTURAL APPROPRIATION

Stenberg vs. Jenner: Let the feuds begin!

I love the smell of teenage celebrity Instagram feuds in the morning. It smells like the future.

So, in answer to the question we ask with surprisingly regularity — what did Kylie Jenner do this time? — this week it turns out it's "Got cornrows." And another teenage famous-ish person — Amandla Stenberg, best known for dying tragically in the first Hunger Games movie — was not having it. Stenberg left this piquant comment on Jenner's Instagram post:

"When you appropriate black features and culture but fail to use your position of power to help black Americans by directing attention towards your wigs instead of police brutality or racism," followed by the hashtag "white girls do it better." Ouch. The dig was enough to earn a response minutes later from Jenner: "Mad if I don't, mad if I do," she posted. "Go hang with Jaden or something."

I can understand why time spent with Jaden Smith would be considered punishment.

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PAGEANT

Miss USA trumps all in Q&A segment

New Miss USA Olivia Jordan spoke of the need to discuss race relations en route to her pageant victory and hailed the diversity of women taking part in the contest during a post-pageant question about Donald Trump's comments on Mexican immigrants.

Jordan of Oklahoma was crowned Miss USA on Sunday, wearing a hot pink strapless dress with a full, flowing skirt as she smoothly navigated the interview portion of the competition to beat out 50 other contestants.

After weeks of controversy generated by Trump's comments bashing Mexican immigrants, the pageant passed with no mention of the real estate mogul who was not in attendance.

Instead, the focus was on women like Jordan and others who'd worked hard to get to the stage. The 26-year-old winner, who takes over from 2014 winner Nia Sanchez of Nevada, was a standout during the interview segment. Where others flubbed or appeared unsure of what to say, Jordan appeared confident and polished when asked what the next big issue is that the U.S. needs to tackle. She answered race relations.

"We really need to work on being an accepting society," said Jordan.

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COOL MOM

Kate waives R-rating

Kate Hudson made her name in Cameron Crowe's raunchy '70s rock memoir, Almost Famous, playing a career groupie who nearly dies from a drug overdose. And she's really proud of it. How proud? So proud that she couldn't wait to show her son, Ryder, the movie, even though he's still only 11 years old.

"Ryder's like, 'Please, mom, can I watch Almost Famous?' And I was like, 'You know what? Yeah. You can watch it,'" she admits, despite the film's R-rating.

"To watch him experience the movie and fall in love with the movie 15 years later just says everything about Cameron's work," said Hudson. Plus? "I got to be cool for like, a week."

NED EHRBAR

GOSSIP NOTES

Bieber butts out

Justin Bieber had a change of heart about flashing all of y'all. Five days after posting an Instagram of his bare tuchus that launched some pretty brilliant memes, Bieber deleted the photo and posted an apology.

"Hey I deleted the photo of my butt on Instagram not because I thought it was bad but someone close to me's daughter follows me and she was embarrassed that she saw my butt and I totally wasn't thinking in that aspect," he wrote. NED EHRBAR

Radcliffe gets cheeky, too

Speaking of butts! First of all, there's an annual award in the U.K. celebrating the best in British butts that's been going on for nearly 40 years. This year's winner? None other than Harry Potter star Daniel Radcliffe, who's no stranger to baring his derriere on stage and in film since graduating from the kid-friendly wizarding franchise.

"I've been campaigning for years," Radcliffe admitted to E! News at Comic-Con. "If you don't do it here in America, maybe my award counts kind of globally." Hehe, globally. NED EHRBAR

Underwood's first mom scare

New mother Carrie Underwood called her brother-in-law to the rescue over the weekend during a frightening mom moment.

The country star tweeted about the incident on Saturday, writing: "When your dogs manage to lock themselves, all your stuff & the baby in the car & you have to break a window to get in. #WhatAreTheChances"

Her publicist, Jessie Schmidt, said Monday it happened very fast and no one was hurt.

Underwood tweeted that her brother-in-law broke the window to unlock the car.

Underwood is back on tour after giving birth to Isaiah in February, the first child for the former American Idol winner and her husband, NHL player Mike Fisher.

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Dallas receiver Dez Bryant tweeted he "will not be there" without a new contract by Wednesday

Rowers and divers star on golden day for Canada

PAN AM 2015

Day 3 brings hosts more proud podium toppers

Canada's paddlers and rowers kept the medals coming on Day 3 of the Pan American Games.

Led by gold-medal performances by the men's coxless four and the women's double sculls, Canadian rowers combined to add three more medals to Canada's impressive early haul on Monday.

"It was pretty amazing. It sent goosebumps down my spine," said veteran rower Will Crothers, who could hear the vocal hometown crowd in St. Catharines, Ont., as the men's four — Crothers, Tim Schrijver of Thedford, Ont., Kai Langerfeld of Parksville, B.C., and Conlin McCabe of Brockville, Ont. — entered their final 500-metre sprint. "I started thinking, we're sitting up (starting the final sprint). I yelled to the boys, 'Who wants to sing?'

"I think that probably fired them up pretty good. I think the (stroke) rate went up."

The men finished six minutes 10.80 seconds, more than three seconds ahead of silver-medallists Cuba (6:14.30) and bronze-medallists Argentina (6:16.52). Kerry Shaffer, from Welland, Ont., and Antje Von Seydlitz of Smithers, B.C., won gold in the women's double sculls with a time of 7:13.01, just ahead of the United States (7:14.65) in second and Cuba (7:20.00) in third.

Von Seydlitz could hear the partisan crowd from halfway out on the course.

"It was unreal. It kind of brings tears to your eyes," she said. "You're so proud to be racing in your own country in front of your hometown fans."

Canadian rowers also took bronze medals in men's double sculls and women's coxless pairs.

Just down the road in Welland, Canada added four medals in kayak and canoe events.

Duo Ben Russell from Dartmouth, N.S., and Gabriel Beauchesne-Sevigny from Trois-Rivieres, Que., won gold in the C-2 1,000 metres. Canadian flag-bearer Mark Oldershaw from Burlington, Ont., raced to a silver medal in the men's C-1 1,000 metres. Michelle Russell of Fall River, N.S., won silver in K-1 500 metres — her second medal of the Pan Am Games. Veteran Adam Van Koeverden of Oakville, Ont., won bronze in the K-1 1,000 metres.

Russell and Beauchesne-Sevigny won gold with a time of 3:46.316, beating Brazil by 0.801 seconds and Cuba by 3.616 seconds.

The pair played it patient before surging into the lead over the final quarter of the race.

"We train consistently that last 250 metres," Russell said. "That's where we want to be the best in the world, so every time we get there we just go for broke, and having the crowd today was just the bonus."

Also atop a podium for Canada was Halifax's Ellie Black who won a gymnastics gold medal in the women's individual all-around final with a score of 58.150.

Meanwhile, in the men's diving three-metre synchro final, Montreal's Philippe Gagne and Francois Imbeau-Dulac of St-Lazare, Que., bagged silver with 413.37 points. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Canadians, from right, Will Crothers, Tim Schrijver, Kai Langerfeld and Conlin McCabe celebrate after winning gold in the men's coxless four final on Monday. PETER POWER/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Canada's Kerry Shaffer, left, and Antje Von Seydlitz after winning gold in the women's double sculls at the Royal Canadian Henley Rowing Course in St. Catharines, Ont., on Monday.
PETER POWER/THE CANADIAN PRESS

These are the Pan Am Games, that's the title that we were missing, so it's really great.

Montreal's Meaghan Benfeito and Roseline Filion from Laval, Que., won Canada's second diving gold, in women's synchronized 10-metre platform.

SHOOTING AND ROLLER-SKATING

Canuck Chudoba takes gold in women's trap

Amanda Chudoba of Spruce Grove, Alta., won Canada's second shooting gold with a victory in women's trap.

Chudoba edged American Kayle Browning in a shoot-off after the final round was tied at 11. "Actually, I didn't have any prep, it was all new to me," Chudoba said of preparing for the sudden-death session. "I just tried to see the target when it comes out and hit the target."

Also Monday, Toronto's Jordan Belchos won Canada's first ever Pan Am roller speedskating medal with a bronze in the men's 10,000 metres. "My mom was crying," Belchos said. "It was incredible."

Fans vent over CBC coverage

Many dedicated Pan Am fans are panning CBC's live coverage of the Games.

"I expected a channel with lots of stuff going on. It's ridiculous," Miles Gibson grumbled by phone from Edmonton on Monday. "It's the worst coverage I have ever seen."

Gibson and other sports fans took to Twitter and CBC's own website to express disappointment with live online streams and largely prepackaged TV broadcasts from venues across southern Ontario.

Justine Mossman of Whitby, Ont., said it's especially frustrating since Canada seems to be having an impressive showing at these Games, considered the largest international multisport event ever held in Canada. The 26-year-old has been following the medal haul on the Pan Am website but said she's frustrated whenever she turns on CBC-TV hoping to witness the wins herself.

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Sports fan Miles Gibson

"Our Canadian athletes are doing so very well and you want to be able to watch and cheer them on and there's just no live coverage to be found," complained Mossman, who said she had difficulty getting a smooth online stream and prefers TV.

CBC is offering TV coverage up to three times a day, including a mix of live and pre-packaged highlights. But several marquee moments have not been available live to fans, including Canada's first medal of the Games — a gold in women's kayaking on Saturday morning.

CBC spokesman Jeff Keay said there is only so much the network can provide. "It's impossible to provide live coverage of all of the events," he said. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Spieth's Slam bid talk of town

BRITISH OPEN

St. Andrews spotlight firmly on American as history beckons

There was no escaping Jordan Spieth even before he arrived Monday at St. Andrews to resume his pursuit of golf's Grand Slam.

Behind the practice range, one British television network talked to any player willing to stop. After a few gratuitous questions about the weather (cool and cloudy) and the Old Course (magnificent shape), the reporter got to the point.

What about Spieth's chances? "The odds are against him," said Soren Kjeldsen, relying entirely on history.

Spieth is only the fourth player since 1960, the year Arnold Palmer proposed the concept of the modern Grand Slam in golf, to win the first two majors of the year only to be stopped at the British Open. Palmer and Jack Nicklaus (1972) finished one shot behind. Tiger Woods was in good position in 2002 until he was blown away by the wind and rain at Muirfield and shot 81 in the third round.

Spieth only added to the hype by winning the John Deere Classic in a playoff Sunday for his fourth win of the year. He flew on a charter flight from Illinois with other players at the John Deere Classic, arriving in Scotland about 10:30 a.m. and checking into his house before coming out to the Old Course to a quiet reception.

> **He just beats you because he's better.**
>
> Geoff Ogilvy on Jordan Spieth

Spieth and his manager walked through a group of about 100 fans who camped out near the entrance to the player lounge to get his autograph. Spieth signed everything shoved his way, turned and tossing the last item to a delighted young British boy. Nick Faldo walked over to him and wished him well. A few fans congratulated him for his year, though this wasn't exactly Tigermania, or even Rorymania for that matter.

But then, Spieth is still relatively new. His short game, particularly the putter, is the envy of golf at the moment. But he doesn't have the power of Woods or Rory McIlroy, nor does he deliver the magical shots Woods once did that kept everyone talking. He just scores. And he wins. And that's what golf is all about, anyway.

"He beats you with better golf," Geoff Ogilvy said. "He doesn't beat you because he hits it further. Tiger's intimidation was that he always did something amazing. Jordan — don't get me wrong, his body of work is amazing — but he doesn't beat you with a crazy par, or a crazy chip-in from the back of the 14th at Muirfield (Village). He just beats you because he's better."

Ogilvy was asked how he would feel going into the final round two shots behind Spieth compared with going against Woods or McIlroy.

"It would be different. It shouldn't be," he said. "There's more of an intimidation factor to Rory because he's going to hit it 30 (yards) past you all day, and it appears like he's better than you. Jordan doesn't appear like he's better than you. But his body of work proves that he's better than everybody — well, maybe everybody but Rory." That now is in reach.

With his victory at the John Deere, Spieth is within range of his goal of reaching No. 1 in the world. He would have to win The Open this week to get past McIlroy, who is out with an ankle injury and no clear return date.

"What he's doing is phenomenal," Faldo said. "And he's confident ... He's seeing the right shot, he's visualizing the shot ... And he keeps churning out good shots. When you're doing that, you just jump back on the saddle and ride again. That's what he's doing."

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Jordan Spieth has already won the first two Majors of 2015 and is aiming to be the first golfer ever to win the first three Majors in a year. STUART FRANKLIN/GETTY IMAGES

MAJOR TRIO INTO HALL OF FAME

Major champions Mark O'Meara, David Graham and Laura Davies have joined the World Golf Hall of Fame in an induction class that included a renowned architect who built major championship courses.

Inducted posthumously was A.W. Tillinghast, the architect of fabled courses Baltusrol and Winged Foot among more than 200 others.

Mark O'Meara GETTY IMAGES

TENNIS

Williams, Djokovic retain top rankings

Serena Williams has widened her lead at No. 1 in the WTA rankings with her fourth consecutive Grand Slam title at Wimbledon, now holding over twice as many points as No. 2 Maria Sharapova.

Novak Djokovic's third championship at the All England Club allowed him to retain his healthy lead atop the ATP rankings on Monday over No. 2 Roger Federer, the man he beat in the final.

Sharapova rose two spots, while last year's champion, Petra Kvitova, slid from No. 2 to No. 5 after exiting in the third round.

The men's top 10 remained unchanged, including Andy Murray at No. 3, and Rafael Nadal at No. 10. Vancouver's Vasek Pospisil moved from 56 to 29 after his Wimbledon showing. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Serena Williams GETTY IMAGES

IN BRIEF

New Sacramento signing Rondo says 'sky's is limit'

Newly signed Sacramento point guard Rajon Rondo says the "sky's the limit" for the Kings this coming season. Rondo and some of the other parts who have made up a Kings makeover this summer were in Las Vegas on Monday at an unveiling at the NBA Summer League.

Head coach George Karl and Kings centre DeMarcus Cousins looked chummy after talk that Karl considered trading Cousins away.

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Buffalo Bills coach Kromer punches and threatens boy

Buffalo Bills offensive line coach Aaron Kromer, 48, punched a boy in the face after confronting him and another boy about using his beach chairs while they fished along the shore near his Florida home, according to an arrest report released Monday.

The Walton County Sheriff's Office report says the boy told deputies that Kromer threatened to kill his family if he reported the incident. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

NBA

New Raptor Scola outlines ambition

Luis Scola doesn't just want to win with the Toronto Raptors.

The veteran Argentine power forward was introduced as the newest free agent signing by the Raptors on Monday and he pointed to Toronto's recent on-court success as a major influence in his decision. But he doesn't want to win an NBA title on his teammates backs — he wants to contribute to a championship team.

"I wanted to find a place where I could win and be a part of the team, be important," said Scola outside the Air Canada Centre. "Hopefully chase a (championship) ring at some point down the line."

The 35-year-old from Buenos Aires had four seasons with the Houston Rockets and one with the Phoenix Suns. Although he played backup for the Pacers the past two seasons, he still played an average of 18.8 minutes per game in Indiana. Scola averaged 12.7 points and seven rebounds per game in his NBA career.

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TOUR DE FRANCE

Basso has cancer, quits race

Stunning the Tour de France on its first rest day, doctors diagnosed a tumour in the left testicle of two-time Giro d'Italia winner Ivan Basso on Monday, forcing him out of the showcase race.

His former rival Lance Armstrong, who survived testicular cancer that spread to his lungs and brain, immediately tweeted his support.

At age 37, Basso wasn't a contender to win the race, as the Italian was in his heyday before he was banned for doping. But his experience and pedigree — Basso finished second at the 2005 Tour and third in 2004 — meant his withdrawal was keenly felt by his team leader Alberto Contador.

On what is often an uneventful day of rest and relaxation when riders recharge their batteries before the high mountains, a visibly shaken Basso appeared with Contador at a news conference and announced that just two hours earlier, doctors diagnosed a tumour in his left testicle that had been painful since he crashed on Stage 5.

> **I have to stop and go back to Italy.**
> Ivan Basso

Contador put his arm around Basso and vowed, his voice cracking with emotion, to do his best to win the race to honour his teammate.

Basso said he has cancer.

"I have a small cancer in the left testicle," he said. "I have to stop and go back to Italy."

But his Tinkoff-Saxo team said more tests are needed to be certain the tumour is cancerous. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Mitchell tosses two TDs to lead Calgary over T.O.

CFL

Stamps come from behind, narrowly hold on to lead late

Bo Levi Mitchell threw two touchdown passes to lead the Calgary Stampeders over the Toronto Argonauts 25-20 on Monday night.

Jon Cornish ran for another touchdown for the Stamps (2-1), who rebounded from a 29-11 road loss to the Montreal Alouettes on July 3.

Rene Paredes kicked a field goal for Calgary, while Rob Maver added a single.

Toronto quarterback Trevor Harris threw touchdown passes to rookie receivers Kevin Elliott and Tori Gurley, while Ronnie Pfeffer kicked a pair of field goals for the Argos (2-1).

Neither team could get much going early on until Harris completed an eight-yard touchdown pass to Elliott late in the first quarter to cap off a seven-play, 78-yard drive.

Tim Brown appeared to give Calgary great field position with a lengthy punt return early in the second quarter, but the play was negated due to a penalty for face-masking on linebacker Karl McCartney.

Undeterred, Mitchell tossed a 43-yard pass to Eric Rogers to start off a nine-play, 102-yard scoring drive. Rogers completed the drive by catching a three-yard TD pass from Mitchell, before Paredes missed the convert.

The Stamps then regained possession when Jeff Hecht stripped the ball from Chad Owens at midfield. Josh Bell recovered the fumble and ran eight yards, lateralling the ball to Fred Bennett, who raced downfield to the Toronto four-yard line.

After Cornish ran the ball into the end zone on the next play, Mitchell found McDaniel for a two-point convert to put the Stamps up 14-7.

The Calgary Stampeders' Joe West and Toronto Argonauts' Akwasi Owusu-Ansah dive for a pass in the end zone during their game at McMahon Stadium on Monday night. CANDICE WARD/FOR METRO CALGARY

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Following a quick two-and-out by the Argos, Calgary struck again at 12:21 of the second quarter when Jeff Fuller reached over Toronto defender Akwasi Owusu-Ansah for a six-yard touchdown pass from Mitchell.

The Argos answered right back just over a minute later when Gurley caught a 44-yard touchdown pass from Harris.

After a 55-yard punt single by Maver, the Stampeders took a 22-14 lead into the locker room at halftime.

Pfeffer kicked a 48-yard field goal in the third quarter and added a 45-yarder early in the fourth to pull the Argonauts within two points.

Calgary killed the clock in the fourth quarter with an extended 13-play, 62-yard drive that was capped off by a 30-yard field goal by Paredes to secure the victory. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Canadian national soccer team players Nik Ledgerwood and Marcel de Jong look on at the start of practice in Toronto, Monday. NEIL DAVIDSON/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

CONCACAF

Canada faces elimination

Canada is hoping history and home-field advantage will help it survive a little longer in the Gold Cup. A goal or two would help as well.

The Canadian men (0-1-1) play Costa Rica (0-0-2) at BMO Field on Tuesday, essentially needing a win to advance to the knockout round of the CONCACAF championship.

"There's a sense of urgency," said Canadian captain Julian de Guzman. "We realize the situation we're in at this point. I mean (Tuesday's) game is pretty much like a final.

"This time we're at home. We'll have the support of our fans," he added.

Canada has not been beaten at BMO Field since a 2-0 loss to Peru in September 2010. The men have gone 6-0-4 there since and have won their last four games in Toronto.

But the last time they lost in Canada was to Costa Rica, 1-0 at Edmonton's Commonwealth Stadium in May 2013.

Canada is ranked 103rd in the world by FIFA while Costa Rica is No. 41.

Jamaica leads Group B with four points with Costa Rica and El Salvador on two and Canada on one.

The top two teams in each of the three groups as well the two best third-place finishers advance to the quarter-finals.

The Canadian men could win their pool. Or they could exit the tournament, as they did in 2013 when they went 0-2-1 and failed to score.

Two years later, Canada's young strike force still has to find the net. THE CANADIAN PRESS

IN BRIEF

Leicester replaces fired coach with fired coach

Experienced Italian coach Claudio Ranieri was hired as the new manager of Leicester on Monday, returning to the English Premier League eight months after being fired after a brief and disappointing spell in charge of Greece's national team.

The 63-year-old Ranieri signed a three-year deal as the replacement for Nigel Pearson, who was fired last month after falling out with Leicester's Thai owners. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Frazier leaves it late to win derby on home turf

MLB

Cincinnati 3rd baseman edges Dodgers rookie Pederson 15-14

Todd Frazier waited until the very last swing — three times, no less — to win the All-Star Home Run Derby in his home ballpark. Pressure? He sure didn't show it.

The Reds third baseman became only the second player to win the long-ball competition on his home field Monday night, topping Dodgers rookie Joc Pederson 15-14 with another late surge and one final, emphatic swing.

"No pressure here with these fans," he said, after accepting the championship trophy to one more standing ovation.

Frazier joined the Cubs' Ryne Sandberg for home-field homer titles — the Hall of Fame second baseman did it at Wrigley Field in 1990. After finishing second last year in Minneapolis, this one was as sweet as that winning swing.

"That pushed me a lot," Frazier said. "I wanted to get back here. I'd been working in the off-season a little bit. I'm just glad it was in Cincinnati and they could enjoy it with me."

Pederson was trying to become the first rookie since Wally Joyner in 1986 to win or share the title. His 14 homers in the final round matched the highest total to that point and left Frazier with a lot of ground to make up.

Frazier tied him with 11 seconds left in his 5-minute round and got another 30 seconds because he'd hit enough of them long enough to earn extra time. On the first pitch from brother Charles, Frazier puffed up his cheeks and exhaled as he hit one solidly, then mouthed the words "That's gone" as the ball headed for the left field stands. He won all three of his head-to-head matchups on his last swing, earlier beating Prince Fielder and Josh Donaldson.

Todd Frazier, of the Cincinnati Reds, won the MLB All-Star Home Run Derby JOHN MINCHILLO/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Frazier was the favourite in his home ballpark, aiming to make it an All-Cincinnati All-Star event so far. Cubs catcher Kyle Schwarber, a Reds fan who grew up in nearby Middletown, Ohio, was the MVP of the Futures Game on Sunday with a two-run triple.

The third baseman had been gearing up for the derby all season. He faded badly last year in Minneapolis, reaching the finals before losing to Yoenis Cespedes 9-1. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

ALL-STAR GAME

Greinke vs. Keuchel in mid-season clash

Los Angeles Dodgers right-hander Zack Greinke will start for the National League in Tuesday night's All-Star Game and Houston Astros lefty Dallas Keuchel will be on the mound for the American League.

The 31-year-old Greinke is 8-2 with a big league-best 1.39 ERA and enters the game at Great American Ball Park following five straight scoreless starts over 35-2/3 innings.

"These numbers he's putting up are really, really unbelievable," NL manager Bruce Bochy said Monday. The 27-year-old Keuchel, with a distinctive long, bushy beard, is 11-4 with a 2.23 ERA.

The AL will open the game with an all right-handed-hitting lineup for the first time.

AL manager Ned Yost said that Los Angeles Angels centre fielder Mike Trout will lead off, followed by Toronto third baseman Josh Donaldson, Angels first baseman Albert Pujols, Seattle designated hitter Nelson Cruz, Kansas City's Lorenzo Cain in right, Baltimore's Adam Jones in left, Royals catcher Salvador Perez, Astros second baseman Jose Altuve and Royals shortstop Alcides Escobar.

> **"These numbers he's putting up are really unbelievable."**
> NL manager Bruce Bochy, on pitcher Zack Greinke

The only previous team to open with all righty batters was the NL for the first of two games in 1962.

Bochy's batting order has Pittsburgh centre fielder Andrew McCutchen leading off, followed by Cincinnati third baseman Todd Frazier, Washington right fielder Bryce Harper, Arizona first baseman Paul Goldschmidt, San Francisco catcher Buster Posey, the Chicago Cubs' Anthony Rizzo at DH, St. Louis shortstop Jhonny Peralta, the Dodgers' Joc Pederson in left and Colorado second baseman DJ LeMahieu. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Perfect for a starter or salad, these fruit and vegetable stacks are a refreshing taste of summer. Serves 4.

Prep time: 10 minutes

Ingredients
- 24 rounds of cucumber
- 24 watermelon squares (2" x 2" wide, 1/2" thick)
- 2 oz crumbled feta cheese
- Chopped fresh basil or mint

Balsamic Glaze
- 1/2 cup balsamic vinegar
- 2 Tbsp maple syrup
- Garnish
- Basil or mint

Directions

1. Place 12 cucumber rounds on large serving platter. Place one watermelon square on top. Sprinkle with half the feta cheese. Repeat layers, saving a little feta for garnish.

2. In a small skillet, add vinegar and maple syrup. Bring to a boil and boil for about 2 minutes, just until entire surface is bubbly. Pour into small bowl, cool slightly and drizzle over top watermelon stacks. If too thick, reheat gently. Garnish with basil or mint.

Nutrition per serving
- Calories 30
- Protein 1 g
- Carbohydrate 7 g
- Fat 1 g
- Saturated fat 0.5 g
- Cholesterol 5 mg
- Sodium 55 mg
- Fibre 0 g

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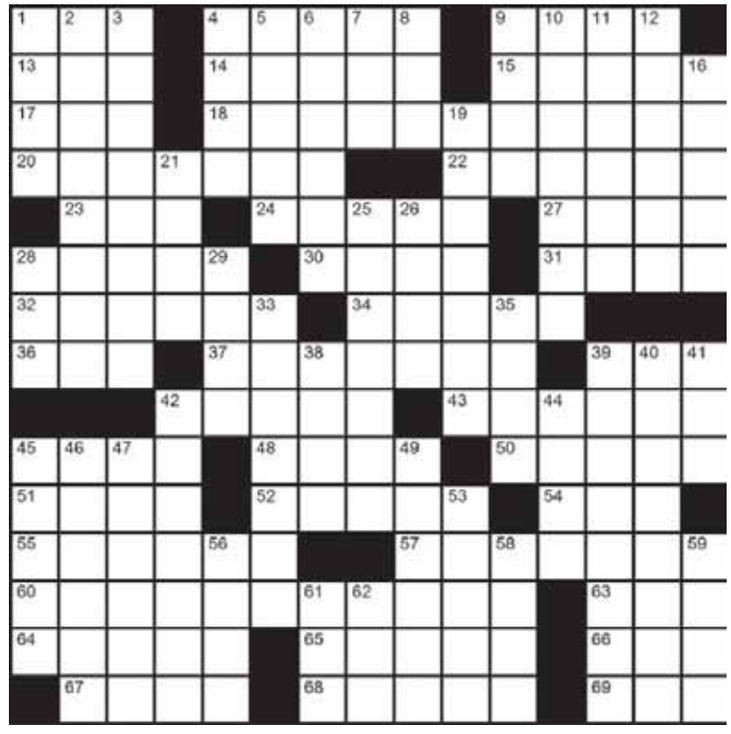
CROSSWORD Canada Across and Down

BY KELLY ANN BUCHANAN



ACROSS
1. Antiquated
4. "The Fault in Our Stars" (2014) star Mr. Elgort
9. __-of-honour
13. Actor Jason
14. Path
15. Singer/songwriter Ms. Mann
17. __ long way (Last)
18. East Coast serving on a hot dog bun: 2 wds.
20. Human-like robot
22. Slim spots to sit on
23. "__ dreaming?" (Is this real?)
24. Ill-gotten money
27. Network of nerves
28. Scottish hillsides
30. Mr. Clapton
31. Loved __ (Cherished people)
32. Grown-ups
34. Available, as keg beer: 2 wds.
36. Coco's famous perfume, Chanel __ _
37. 8-sided shape
39. Grand money amt.
42. Partake in a lecture
43. Put new actors in roles
45. Frequently: 2 wds.
48. Get ready
50. Tom Cochrane album: 'Mad Mad __'
51. Canadian actress Ms. Dobrev
52. Exclamations of accomplishment!
54. Sing-y syllable
55. Club swinger
57. Shrivelled grapes
60. Airport contraband detectors with highly sensitive noses: 2 wds.
63. Bustle
64. Precept
65. Fashion capital in Italy
66. Not specialized [abbr.]
67. Digital displays, e.g.
68. Type of wheat
69. Unit of work

DOWN
1. 1970s gymnast Ms. Korbut
2. First name in Renaissance art
3. Electronic music artist (born in Niagara Falls) whose name ends in a number
4. Folkie Mr. Guthrie
5. Salad orderer's dressing specification: 2 wds.
6. Overpower
7. Sci-Fi beings
8. Rent
9. Ms. Winningham of "St. Elmo's Fire" (1985)
10. Helicopter delivery to the emergency below
11. Heroine in Shakespeare's play Cymbeline
12. Wipe out
16. Someone __ (Not mine)
19. Voter
21. Father of Manitoba, Louis __ (b.1844 - d.1885)
25. Uttered, as a frog
26. Finger jewellery
28. Ray-__ (Sunglasses maker)
29. Cease
33. King's wand
35. Afresh
38. Scarlett's home
39. Wedlock
40. Prince Edward __ (Atlantic Canada denizen)
41. Business name abbr.
42. Hired, as employees for the openings
44. Camping beds
45. Apprehensive feeling
46. Mr. Richie, Nicole's musician dad
47. Wired to the web
49. Prisoner's conditional release
53. Katey of "Married... with Children"
56. Tiny amphibians
58. Stevie Wonder's "__ She Lovely"
59. Tracked item on Billboard
61. Titanic's letters
62. Platter mixture for chips

IT'S ALL IN THE STARS by Sally Brompton

Aries March 21 - April 20
The one thing you want to avoid is the one thing you need to tackle. You cannot afford to just sit there and see what might happen. Be brave.

Taurus April 21 - May 21
Friends and relatives will do anything to assist you today, so don't pretend that everything in your life is fine and dandy, because it isn't and you need help. Even a Taurus can find themselves out of their depth once in a while.

Gemini May 22 - June 21
If you need to persuade someone to give you something today you may be successful but they may feel resentful that you put them on the spot. If possible, wait until the moon is new on Thursday.

Cancer June 22 - July 23
So many things are going right for you now that you are beginning to believe that the breakthrough you have been dreaming of is about to arrive — and it is.

Leo July 24 - Aug. 23
Your main problem at the moment seems to be that you are worrying about things that will probably never happen. Fortunately, your worries will fade later in the month. Until then, relax.

Virgo Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
According to the planets you are in tune with the spirit of the times and have found your special role in the world. At last you feel you are doing something worthwhile and making a difference. Make it a big one.

Libra Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
You prefer to avoid confrontation but the planets suggest you will find the courage to make the kind of difficult decision that you usually strive to avoid. Remember: Change is not something you should shun.

Scorpio Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
Approach the day in a positive frame of mind and you will accomplish a lot. Approach the day in a negative frame of mind and you will accomplish the same things but you won't get much joy from them.

Sagittarius Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
You may not be able to explain how you have reached a certain conclusion but you know it is right, so have the courage of your convictions and act on it immediately.

Capricorn Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
Cosmic activity in your opposite sign means you will need assistance over the next few days, and you are more likely to get it if others think they owe you something.

Aquarius Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
You must spend some time planning what you are going to do. If you don't look ahead at the steps you will have to take there is a chance you will stray off course.

Pisces
Feb. 20 - March 20
If you are in any way creative and have ambition in this area then what happens over the next few days will give you the chance to show what you can do. You're not just as good as everyone else, you're better.

CONCEPTIS SUDOKU by Dave Green

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